

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT  
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **00V-246.003** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

SEP 21 2000

Part 573 Report Date: September 21, <sup>2000</sup>~~1999~~

MANUFACTURER: Spartan Motors, Inc.

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SUBJECT: 860 Spartan 1999-2000 Summit, Alpine, TB, and SBFE motor home, transit buses, and school buses manufactured from July 7, 1999 through August 31, 2000. These vehicles are equipped with drag links built by TRW and supplied to Spartan which might contain suspect TRW 20-EDL ball socket assemblies. The tie rod and drag link ball stud ends contain bearings that are below the specified case depth and/or hardness. This can lead to premature wear out and possible separation of the ball stud from the socket. Spartan Recall No. SPEC 00016.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

*A draft copy of the notification documents must be submitted to this office by facsimile (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing to owners.*

If you have any questions, please call:

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